

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the claims as follows.

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising the steps of:
by a computer for a trader for use in an electronic trading system, presenting to the trader an order entry user interface, the computer being programmed:
to receive through the order entry user interface simultaneously as part of a single command from the trader, two orders for buying and/or selling an item, and
to receive a price spread between the prices for the two orders;
the electronic trading system being programmed to generate automatically a price for one or both of the orders based on the trader's received price spread; and
submitting the two orders into the electronic trading system to be matched against counterorders.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1:
further comprising displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, and
wherein receiving the bid command comprises receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein:
the current bid and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, and
receiving a selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the bid price for the item.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein:
the current bid and offer data is displayed on the order entry user interface on a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

6-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
one of the orders is a bid to buy the item specifying a price; and
the other of the orders is an offer to sell the offer, at a the price generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the bid.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:
automatically displaying an interface screen in response to receiving of the bid command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the offer to sell the item, at least one field of the interface screen populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the offer automatically.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of:
automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in the interface screen corresponding to the bid command.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over a bid button in the interface screen.

14. (Currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:
displaying current bid and offer data regarding orders to buy and/or sell an item, the displaying being to a trader and performed by a trader computer of an electronic trading system, the system being programmed to match orders to buy and sell the item;
at the trader computer of the electronic trading system, receiving from the trader a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data;
displaying to the a trader at an order entry user interface that permits entry of a second order to buy or sell the item, the order entry interface providing fields ~~files~~ to specify terms of an offer to buy or sell the item, at least one field for specifying at least one term for the second order being populated with the selected piece of the first order, and at least one other field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated automatically by the electronic trading system based on at least one of a price and a size for the order of the selected data piece and a pre-set spread amount.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein:
the current bid and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, and
receiving a selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the bid price for the item.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein:
the first trading command entry interface is a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

19-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein:
the bid to buy the item specifies a price; and
the price for the second order is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the order of the selected data piece.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with a selected bid price.

26-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously presented) A method comprising the steps of:
by a computer for a trader for use in an electronic trading system, presenting to the trader a order entry user interface, the computer being programmed:

to receive through the order entry user interface simultaneously as part of a single command from the trader, a bid to buy and an offer to sell an item, and

to receive a price spread between the prices for the two orders;

the electronic trading system being programmed to generate automatically at least one of a price and a size for the bid to buy the item based on at least one of a price and a size for the offer to sell the item and a pre-set spread amount; and

in response to a single act of the trader, submitting the two orders into the electronic trading system to be matched against counterorders.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, wherein receiving the offer command comprises receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises an offer price for the item, wherein receiving a selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the offer price for the item.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein:
the current bid and offer data is displayed in a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

35-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein:
the offer to sell the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the bid is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the offer.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
automatically displaying an interface screen in response to receiving of the offer command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the bid to buy the item, the at least one field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the bid automatically.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an interface screen corresponding to the offer command.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over an offer button in the interface screen.

43-105. (Cancelled)

106. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the order entry interface screen comprises at least one field for specifying at least one term for a bid to buy the item and at least one field for specifying at least one term for an offer to sell the item.

107. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the selected bid price.

108. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the offer automatically.

109. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected bid price.

110. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

111. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.

112. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33, comprising displaying an interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item and at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

113. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the selected offer price.

114. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the bid automatically.

115. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected offer price.

116. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

117. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.

118. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the order entry user interface is programmed to receive the two orders as counterpositions to each other.

119. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the electronic trading system is further programmed to enter a first one of the orders into active market matching against counterorders substantially immediately, and
the electronic trading system is further programmed to hold a second of the two orders from market matching until the first order is executed, and when the first order is executed, then enters the second order into active market matching.

120. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the electronic trading system is further programmed to enter both of the two orders into active market matching against counterorders substantially immediately when received from the trader.